



MAIL STOP NON FEE AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket No. 24301

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
TOMKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/606,219

Group Art Unit: 1772

Date Filed: June 29, 2000

Examiner: NORDMEYER, P.

Title: **A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SHAPE BODY
CONTAINING A STARCH, A HOMOGENISED MASS
CONTAINING STARCH AND A DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING
A SOFT CAPSULE**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

and

FEE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.17

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time as follows:

X One-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 4, 2003 (\$55.00 fee).

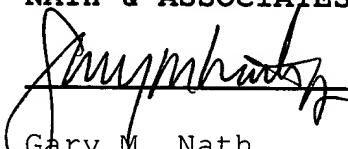
x A check including the above-indicated amount is enclosed. If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to allow consideration of papers accompanying this Petition, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Date: December 4, 2003

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